



UUFNB SUNDAY DIGEST

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Services held at 1515 Pueblo Ave, at the Boys & Girls Club of Napa

Upcoming Services

Sunday October 19, 11 am

"What Are You Celebrating?" Rev. Kenneth MacLean and Worship Associate Lenore Hirsch. This sermon could begin at the Eiffel Tower, or in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, or in Chevy Chase, Maryland, but it is really about you and your life. Rev MacLean is a UU minister who retired after 20 years as minister of the Cedar Lane UU Church in Bethesda, MD.

Sunday October 26, 11 am

"Los Dias de los Muertos" Rev. Bonnie Dlott and Peggy Petersen, with Worship Associate BJ Pheiffer. The "Days of the Dead" rituals have been practiced for 3000 years, and can be traced back to the indigenous peoples of Central America. Common practices include lively reunions at family burial plots, the preparation of special foods, and offerings laid out for the departed on commemorative altars (ofrendas). It is a time of celebration which often takes a humorous tone while sharing funny events and anecdotes about the departed. Today we will remember our dead in this traditional manner. Please bring photographs, memorabilia, or other items representing your loved ones who have departed, to place on our ofrenda.

Sunday November 2, 11 am

"Religion and Politics ALWAYS Mix" Jim Craig, with Worship Associate Vicki Wolf. An old saying has it that "Religion and politics don't mix"- obviously meaning that "religion and politics should not mix". History (including the Bible) demonstrates otherwise. Jerry Falwell knew, and practiced, this; it's just that he chose the wrong issues, even from a Biblical perspective.

October 12, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of UUFNB,

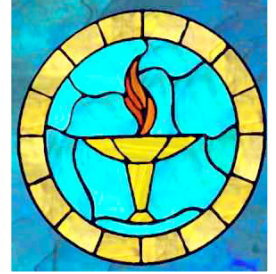
What a celebration that was! For those of you who were unable to be with us last night, we gathered at Congregation Beth Shalom for my Installation and our 25th anniversary celebration. The music was inspirational, the words spoken were heartfelt, and the food was incredible! So many of you worked so hard to make it the event of a lifetime that there isn't room in this column to thank you all, I needed a whole page! (pg. 5) May it be the first page of many volumes written in gratitude for our ministry together.

Hurry! the deadline for giving input about the new version of the UUA's bylaws revision is this Thursday, October 16! Go to <http://www.uua.org/aboutus/governance/electedcommittees/appraisalcommission/119345.shtml> to see the old and new versions and to take the survey!

If you need to remind folks about a Fellowship-wide event or program, please get in touch with Lenore Hirsch, our Worship Associate, before Sunday and she will make your announcement or call on you to make it. If you would like an e-mail copy of a sermon I have given at UUFNB, send me a note. If you wish to have items included in the Sunday Digest for October 19, please submit them to me by noon on Friday, October 17!

The Rev. Bonnie Dlott
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UUFNB Calendar



Thursday, October 16, 10 a.m.

No Name Book Club: A discussion of short stories by California authors
At the home of Else Ross--695 Cabot Way. Need a listing? email barbarak@napanet.net

Wednesday, October 21, 7:00

Carquinez Cluster: A gathering of friends for open-ended, free-flowing conversation.
Darlene Dragavon's house, 1468 Tamara Ct., Benicia. Please bring snacks and drinks to share.

Wednesday, October 22, 7:15 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal
Kate MacPherson's, 1135 Olive Hill Lane in Napa. 255-5687

Thursday, October 23, noon

DVD Group: Christine Page, Part 2--"A Journey into the Future--a time of great change and a time of great challenge." Home of Abbey Silva, 1177 El Centro, 224-8716

Thursday, October 23, 7-9 p.m.

Vallejo Chalice Circle: Is prayer effective? Who prays, to whom, and how?
Please note location: Lindsay/Ingalls residence, 124 Carlisle Way, 747-5205

Sunday October 26, 9:45 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal
Downstairs at the Boys & Girls Club. Kate MacPherson, 255-5687

Sunday October 26, 12:15 pm

Membership Committee Meeting
Boys & Girls Club. Barbara Kummer, 226-1191

Sunday October 26, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

UUFNB Board Meeting, all are welcome to attend.
McCandless/Smith residence, 1875 Wise Dr. For more info call Iris Barrie at 265-6926.

Sunday, October 26, 2-4 p.m.

We Stand for Peace Vigil
Soscol and Third Street.

To view the UUFNB Calendar, go to <http://www.huntcal.com/cgi/calview.cgi/uufnb/UUFNB>

UUFNB Announcements

Adult Programs: Sunday Mornings 9:40 to 10:45 a.m. Boys and Girls Club, 1515 Pueblo

- **October 19 - “Whole Lot'a Shakin'”** with William Somerville. Come join the band! Music is so enjoyable, it's even more fun to play. Together we will find your inner musician and you can jam with the band. Perfect for beginners and lot's of fun for those who already play. Rhythm and Drum Circle will be a big part of it; as well as singing, guitar, harmonica (bring it if you have one), didgerudoo, etc, etc . . . On October 19th we will be working up a SANTANA tune and having a guest guitarist lay down some hot latin lead tracks over our jungle rhythms . . . you may be surprised to find yourself playing Guitar, Harmonica, or Stand-Up Bass . . . We will also do a spooky song for Halloween and some of the usual stuff as well. Bring your children or the child you once were!
- **October 26 - “Social Justice Forum”** Due to illness, BJ Pheiffer was unable to be with us last month to speak about the community garden. Join us this morning for “Take Two,” and hear about the plans for our very own community garden here in Napa.
- **November 2 - “The Bible”** No one in the Bible is more fully described than David, the most famous and powerful king of ancient Israel. What he said, what he did, the family problems he had--it's all there, and it is an endlessly fascinating story. (Book of 2 Samuel) This program has been moved up a week because of the revival on Nov. 9.
- **Also on November 2 - “New to UU”** with Rev. Bonnie Dlott. This month we will look at the earliest roots of Unitarianism and Universalism in Europe, and trace the rise of these two movements in America up to the merger in 1961.

PLANT EXCHANGE

Soon it will be time to divide those bulbs, thin out crowded flower bed, and pull up that plant that needs shade when all you have is sun! I propose a plant exchange after church on 10/19. So start saving milk and yogurt containers, cans and whatever else will work to put your “discards” in and get ready to add some new life to your garden on October 19! Anyone need a bazillion calla lilies?! Iris B.



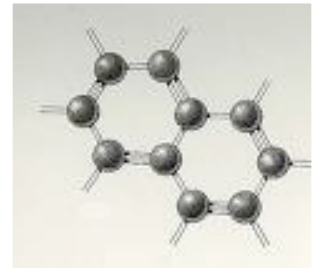
Carbon Ring News

The first UUFNB Carbon Ring (The Soup 'N Bread Carbon Ring) has had 2 meetings, and I have had enthusiastic reports from several participants. The Sunday Carbon Ring, which will meet after the service (12:30 to 2:30) on 1st and 3rd Sundays starting Nov 4, is almost full. If there is enough interest we will create a third Carbon Ring, so let Maggie know if you still want to sign up for one. You can e-mail her at pvfarm@comcast.net or call at 747-5205.

We also want UUFNB to undertake community service projects that will decrease carbon dioxide emissions of our members and of the Napa community. We could form small teams that could put up clotheslines, build composters, plant trees, fix leaky faucets (pumping water to your house takes energy, which means carbon dioxide is emitted!), weather-stripping doors and windows, wrapping insulation around hot water heaters.

What can you do if you don't have time for a Carbon Ring? You can join an Enviro Squad! These Enviro Squads will help members of our congregation and maybe even our neighbors to reduce their carbon dioxide emission by taking on small household projects. The Carbon Ring Task Force came up with this list of projects:

- Putting up clotheslines
- Building composters
- Planting trees
- Fixing leaky faucets
- Weather-stripping doors and windows
- Wrapping hot water heaters with insulation



Help us add to this list! Send your ideas to Maggie Ingalls at pvfarm@comcast.net. And sign up to lead or participate in one of these Enviro Squads! Look for the sign up sheet after the service!

Share the Plate!

This month, ten percent of our non-pledge plate collection will go to the Napa Valley Food Bank. Let's help them prepare for the holidays. Please be as generous as you can!

In Gratitude . . .

My family and I would like to express our gratitude to the UUFNB community for the incredible celebration of Installation on October 12.

So many of you contributed in so many ways, and you each deserve thanks and acknowledgment! I hope I have not left anyone out.

The Installation Committee was headed up by Gayle Keane, who designed, produced, and sent out the invitations, announcements and Service program, while dealing with a litter of 13 puppies! Tom Wilson did our publicity, worked with Congregation Beth Sholom, and fielded RSVP's; Lenore Hirsch chose and worked with our fabulous caterer, and Bob Jones took charge of fundraising and other important details (like renting a coat rack for robes!) Thanks also to spouses Greg Holloworth, Dolores Wilson, and Sylvia Jones, who were drafted into service in various ways.

Our choir rose to the occasion! Thanks to singers Jim Craig, Bob Nicholson, Bob Jones, William Somerville, Rainer Hoenicke, Bonnie Richardson, Jan Sammons, Iris Daige, Phyllis Boyson, Tracy Ruhs, Mona Rampy, Vicki Wolf, and Sylvia Jones. Special thanks to Kate MacPherson and Paula Eisenbarth for their dedication and patience.

Thanks to Iris Barrie, Jim Craig, & Mary Ellen Morgan for participating in the service.

Kit Lucas, Tom Wilson and Lenore Hirsch were our ushers. I noticed Rainer and Leila Hoenicke helping out as well. Iris Barrie did the flower arrangements. Peggy Petersen made sure I kept breathing, and showed me how to use lipstick.

BJ Pheiffer was responsible for the incredible food we shared at the reception. Ross Cofer made sure I got to eat some of it. Erica Sklar and Gayle Keane (and Greg) donated wine for our celebration.

Many of you donated funds for the service. I don't know who you are, but I am humbled by your generosity!

And finally, thanks to each of you who offered your smiles, hugs, and congratulations. My heart is full of love for this community and hope for our future together.

Your Settled Minister,

Rev. Bonnie Dlott





Board Buzz . . .

Greetings! This promises to be a busy fall for our congregation. You will be hearing more about the UU Revival to be held in Santa Rosa in November. The Board is looking into renting a bus so we can all travel there together.

Also, at our last Board meeting, we played musical chairs to accommodate 3 Board officer resignations. After a “trial run” it appeared that some of the officers thought they would be a better fit for another job. So your 3 new Board officers are:

Jim Craig (formerly V.P.) – Treasurer

Barbara Back (formerly Secretary) – V.P.

Margaret Kelso (formerly Treasurer) – Secretary

The Board is also planning to get a head start on forming a Nominating Committee to identify new Board members for next year and selecting a Canvass chair. If you have an interest in either of these areas, please let me know.

See you in church!

Iris Barrie

MEMORIAL CELEBRATION OF TOM DRAGAVON'S LIFE

Sunday, November 9, 2008

Veterans Memorial Building, lower level

1150 First Street, Benicia, California

12 noon to 4 PM, Potluck

Bring your memories to share

Bar on premises will be open.

Family will provide water and paper products.



A Message from your Minister

With the Installation and Anniversary celebration behind us, it's time to start talking about our next great event, the UU Revival on November 9. Back in April, a small group of ministers from the North Bay area (Chris Bell, Santa Rosa; Lisa Presley, Marin; Ben Kocs-Meyers, formerly of Petaluma; and myself) put our heads together at District Assembly. We decided that we wanted to bring our communities together for a rousing worship service. Our goals are to forge connections and encourage collaboration between Unitarian Universalists in the North Bay, and to offer a high-energy worship experience in a large setting. We hope to combine our four choirs, and to have our most talented musicians play. The four ministers will lead the worship service, which will take place at the Santa Rosa congregation. Religious education will be coordinated by our Directors of Religious Education, and a box lunch will be served. I think it will be a wonderful experience!

To encourage attendance, we will be renting a bus to take us to Santa Rosa. There will be no worship service at the Boys & Girls Club that day; but we will meet there at around 9:30 to get on the bus. For those of you who would rather drive yourselves, there is ample parking at the Santa Rosa congregation.

Why a "revival"? I have heard it said that much of our worship has . . . how shall I say this . . . an intellectual orientation. I confess to liking old hymns, and admit that at times we can seem like "God's frozen people" compared to other congregations whose worship is more spirit-filled. We thought it would be fun to "revive" each other with an hour of singing, clapping, and cheering. We might even sway! There will be testimonials! Alleluia!

I know it can be disconcerting to change our routine, but I think it will be well worth it. It's energizing and inspiring to join in worship with a crowd, and we have a lot of friends in the North Bay that we haven't met yet. So I hope you will join me on the big bus that will take us to the UU Revival on November 9. Who knows what wonderful things could happen?



Amen, sisters and brothers!

Rev. Bonnie Dlott

